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(54) **DISHWASHER BASKET UNIT**

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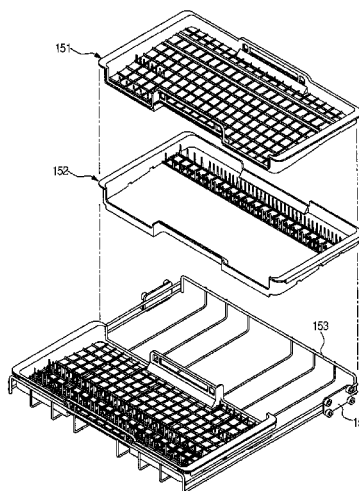
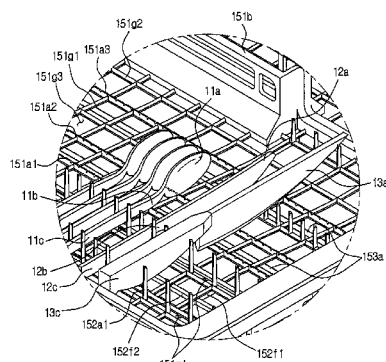
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A dishwasher includes a basket unit including an upper basket and a lower basket. The upper basket is separated from the lower basket so that cutlery in the upper basket is easily separated from the upper basket.

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FIG. 1

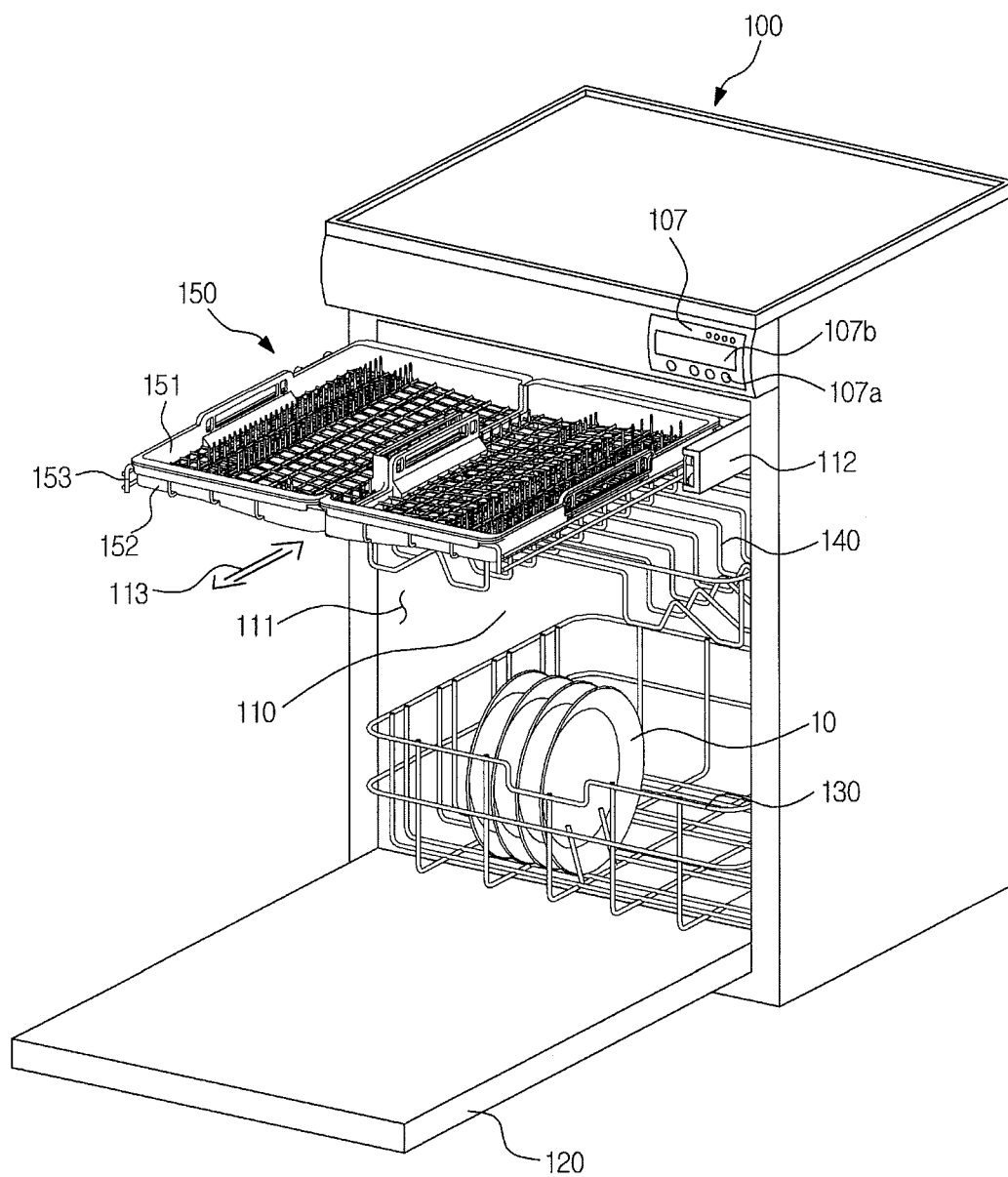


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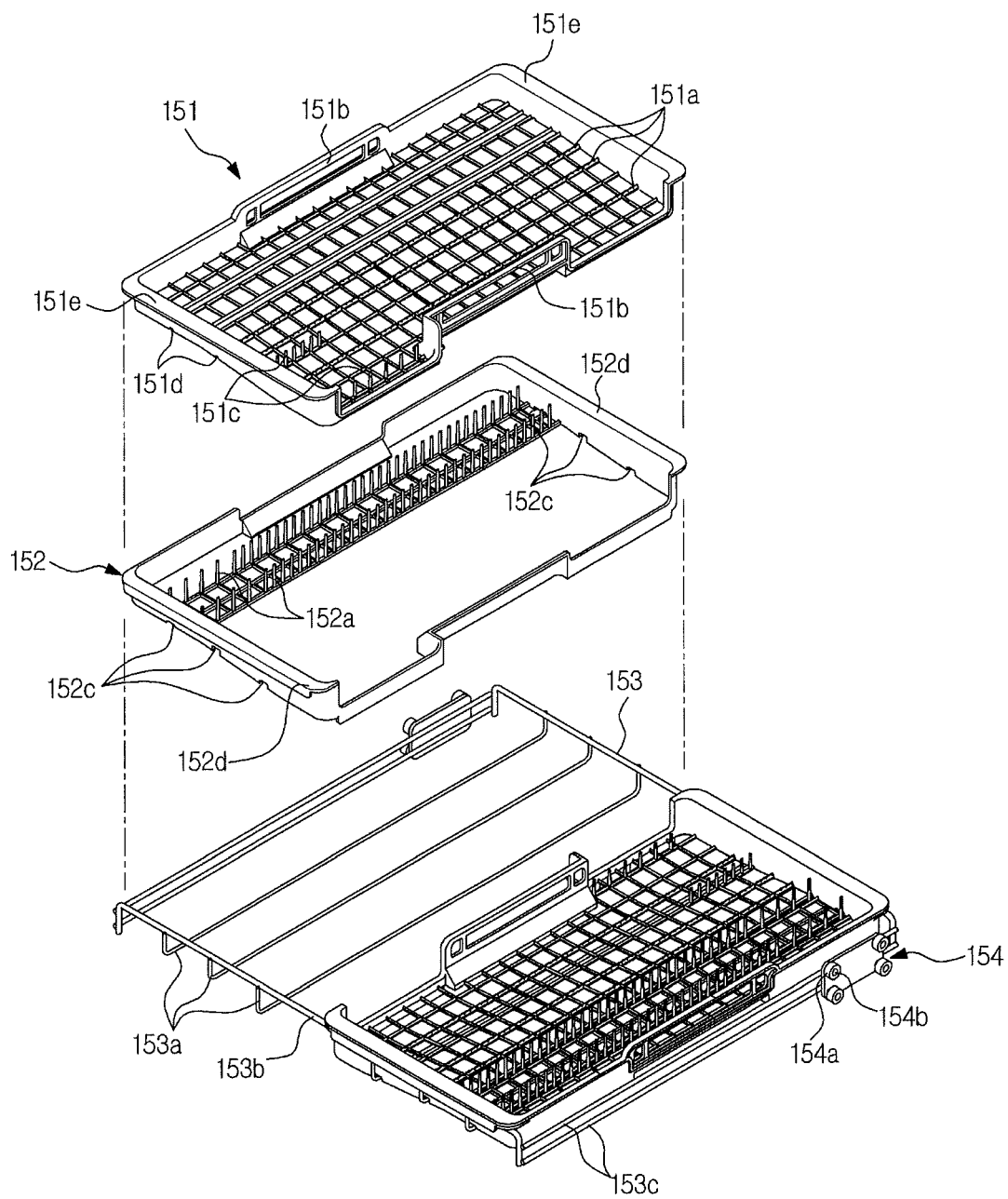


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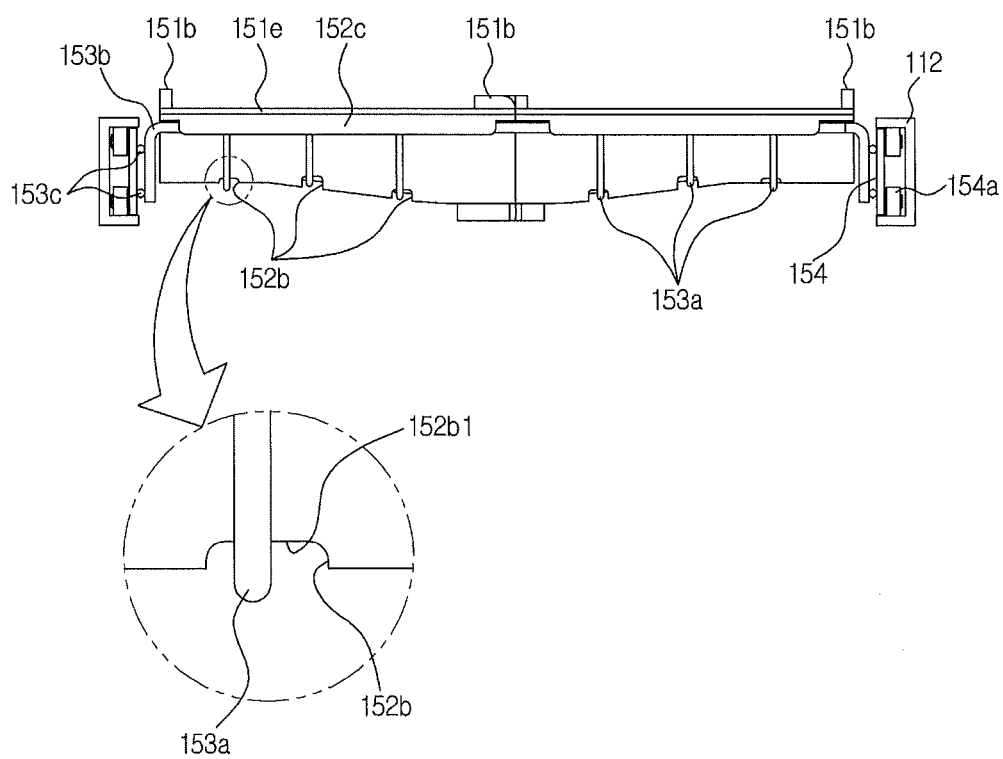


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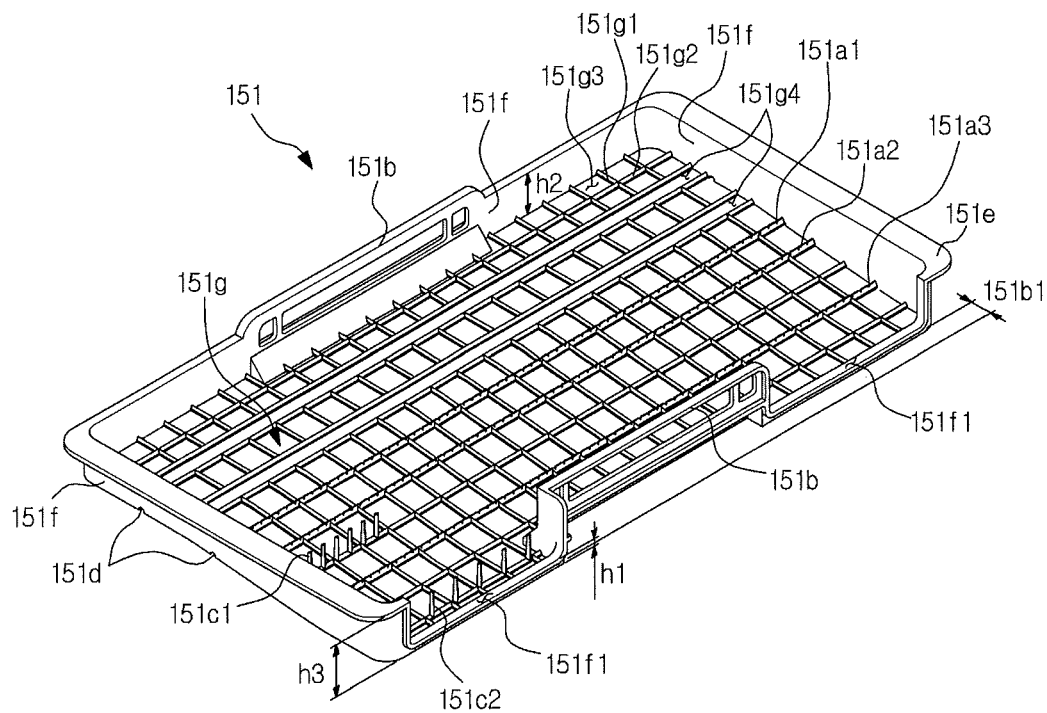


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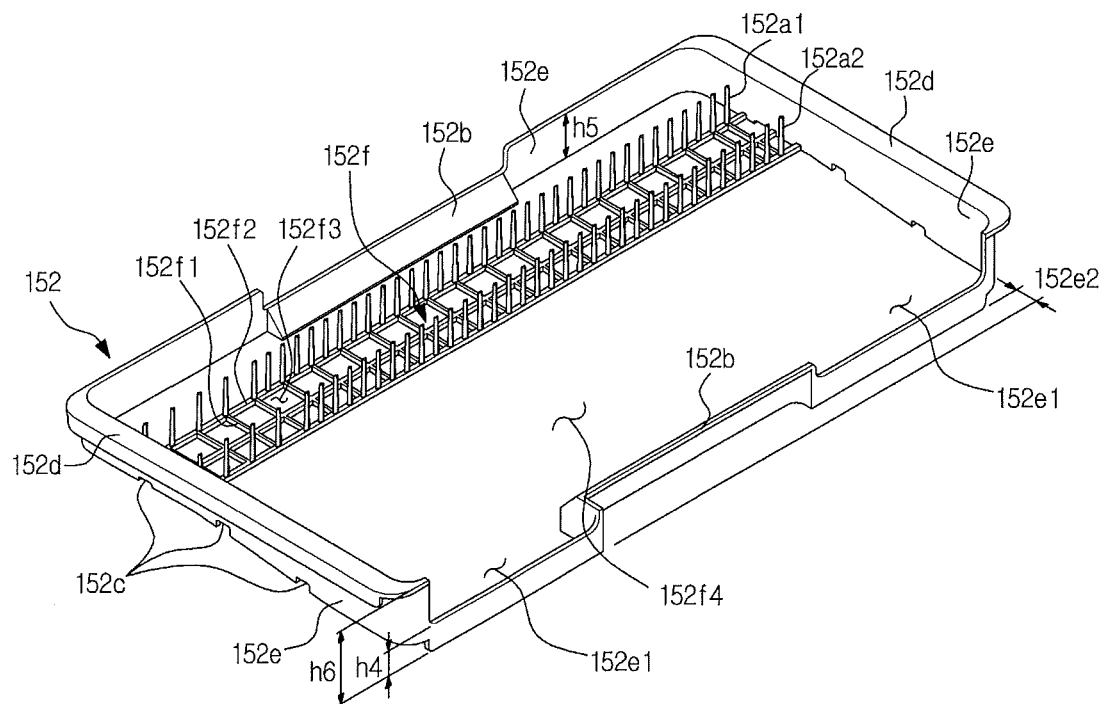


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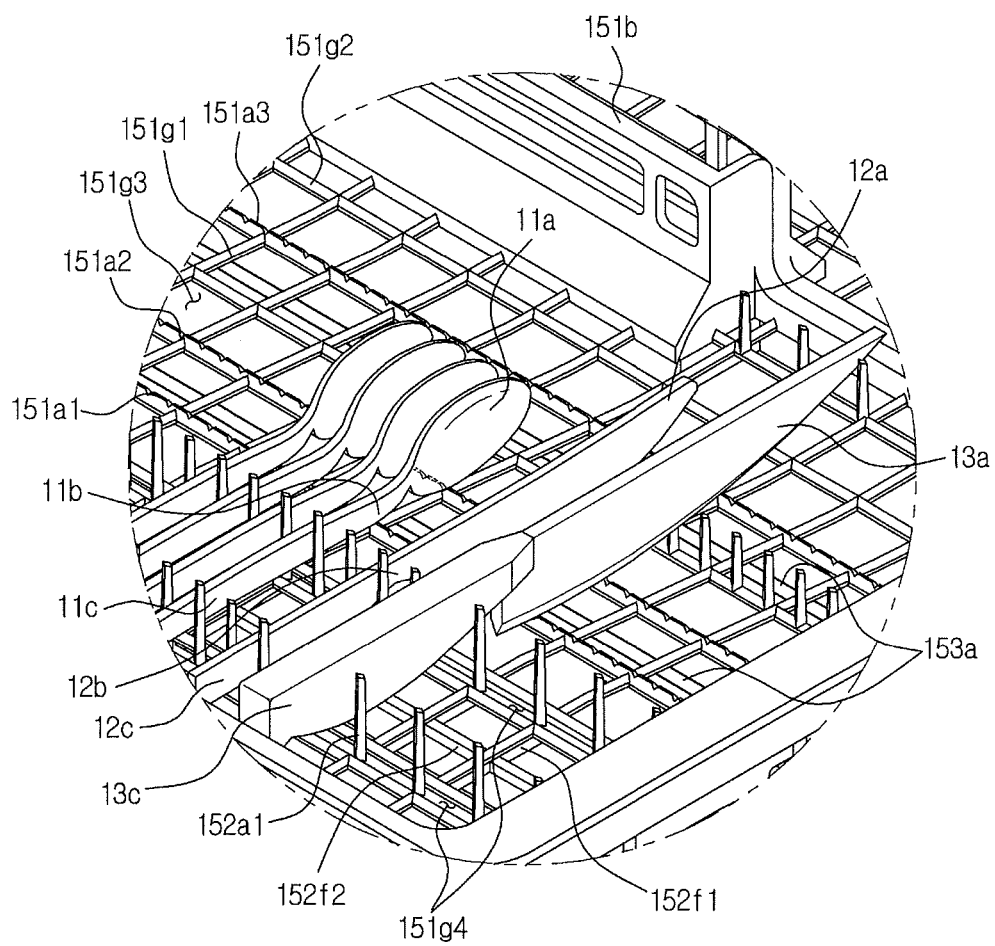


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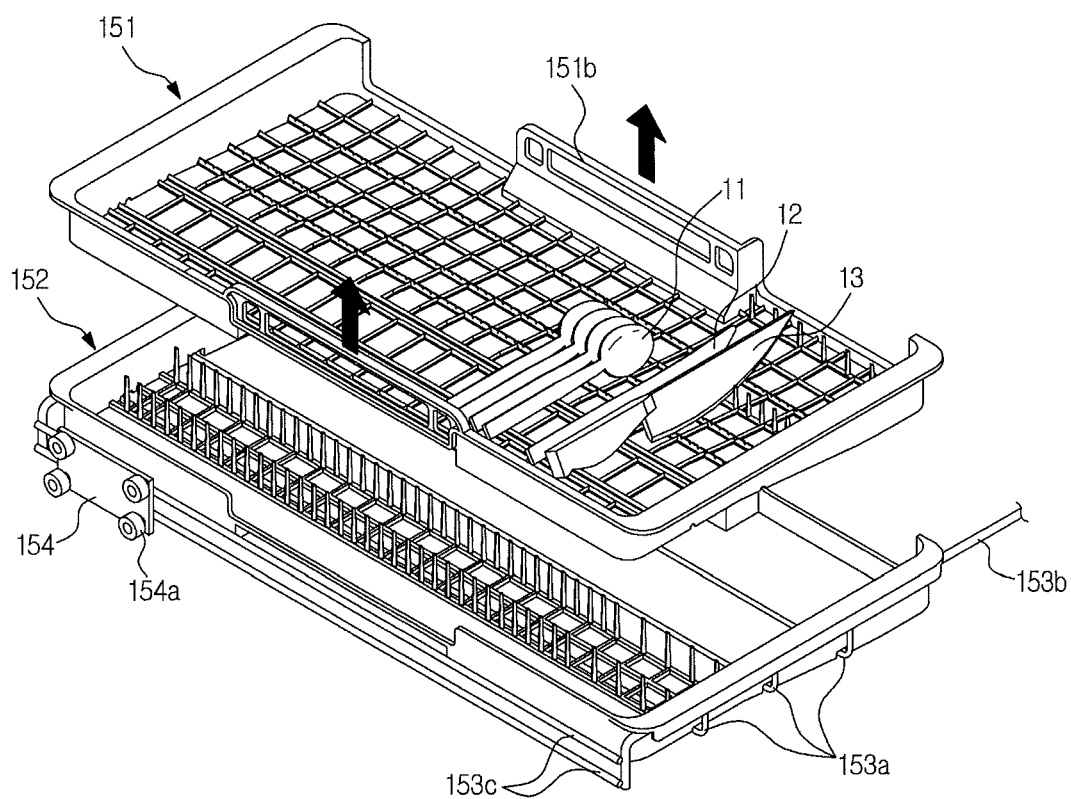


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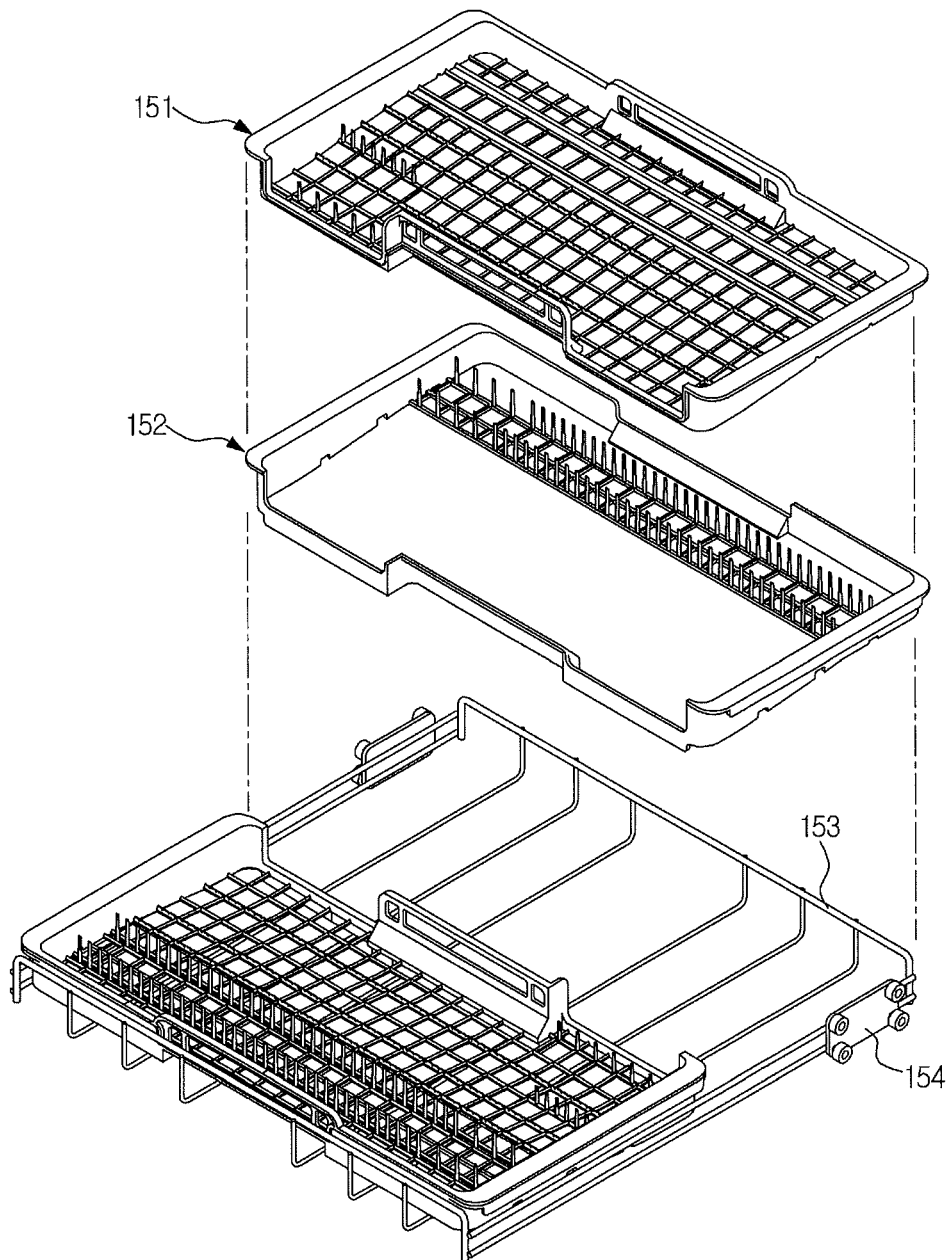


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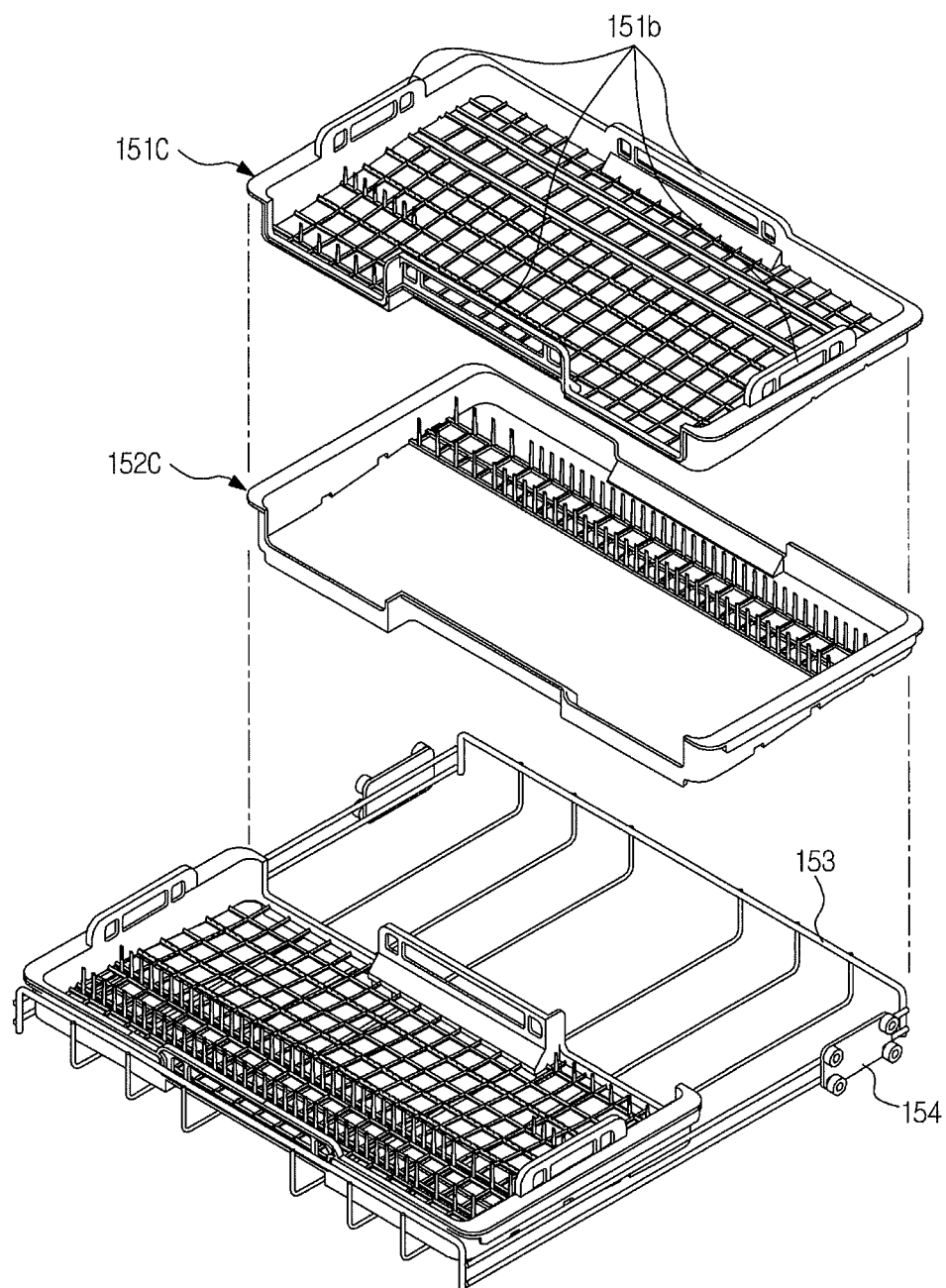


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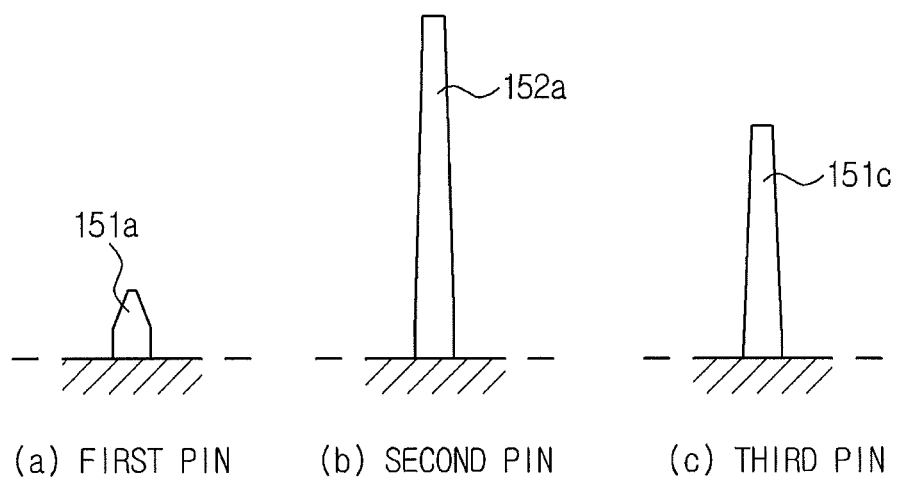


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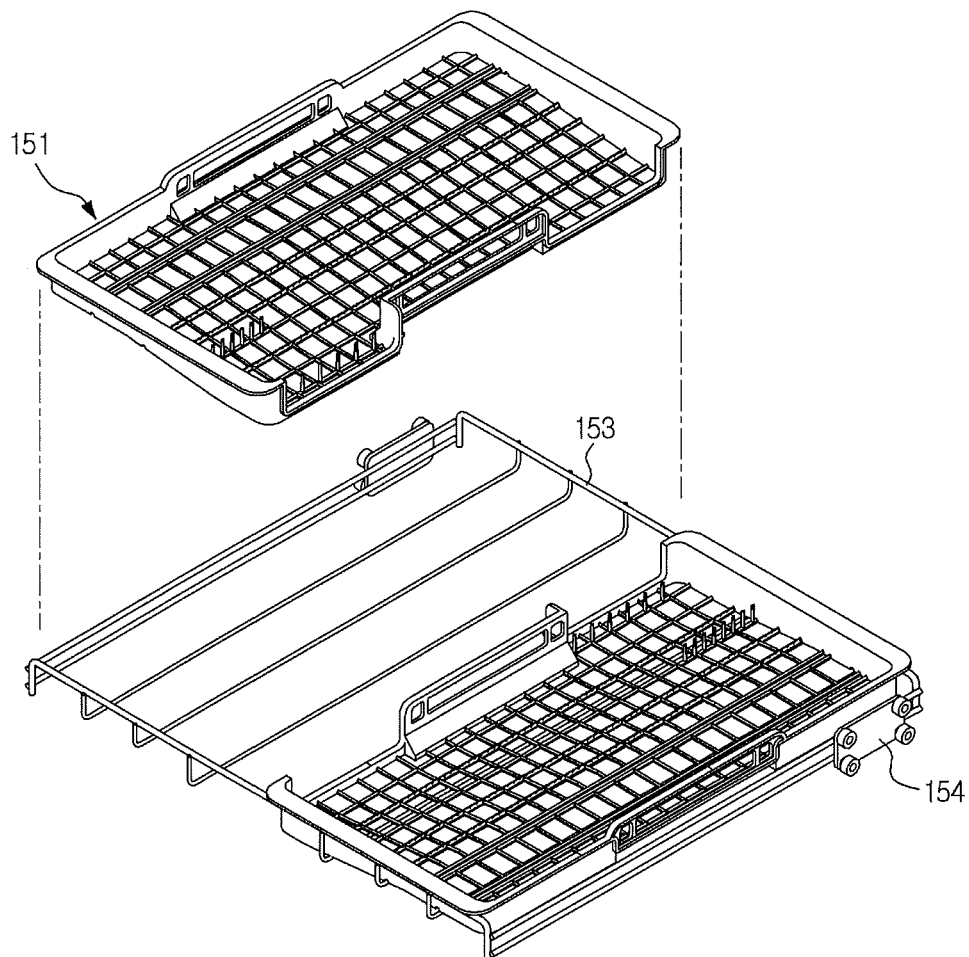


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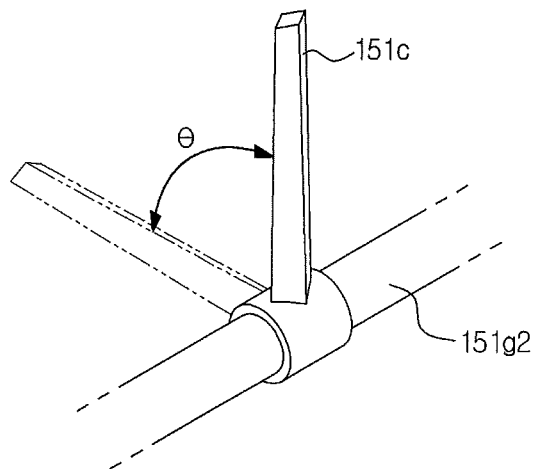


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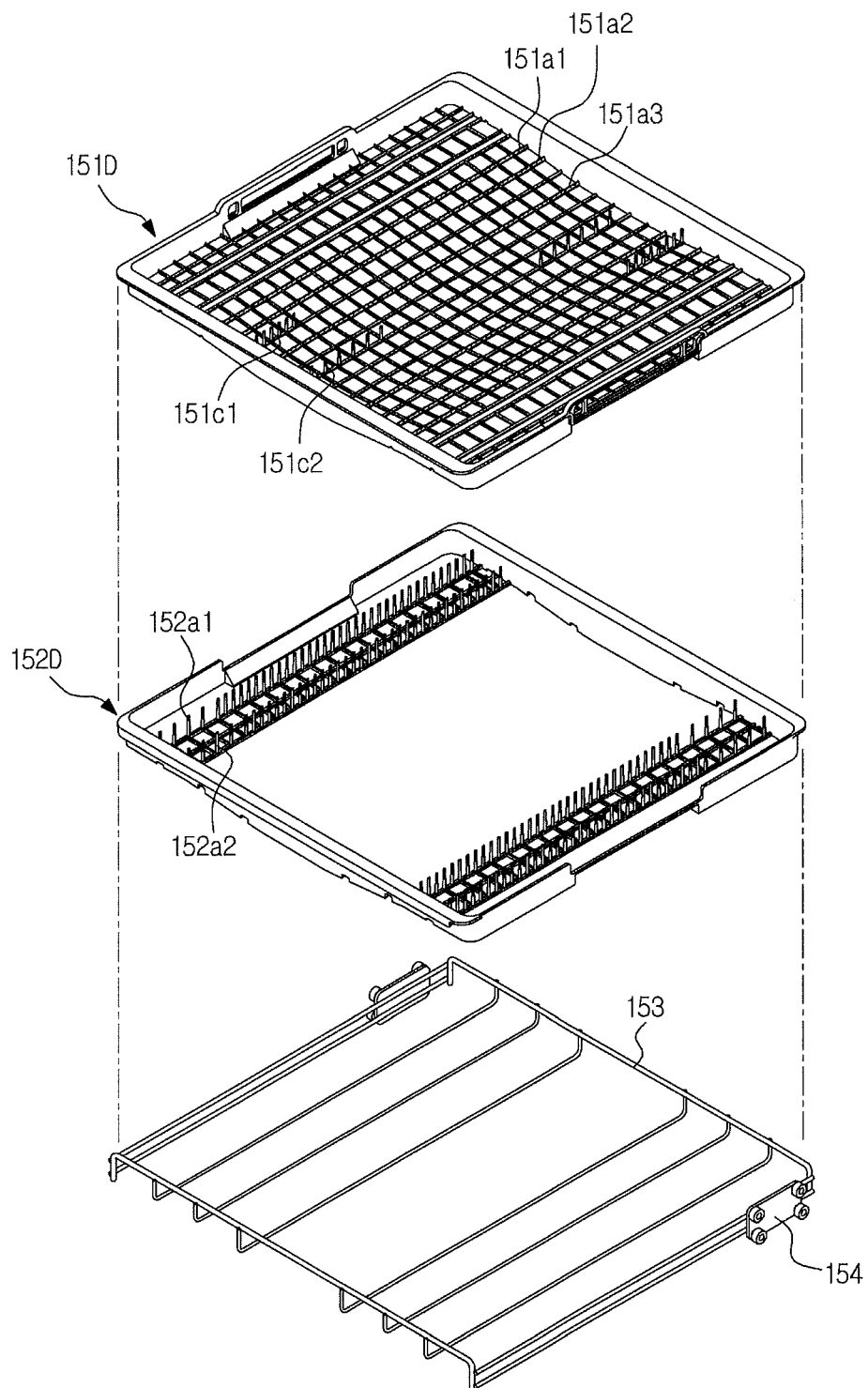
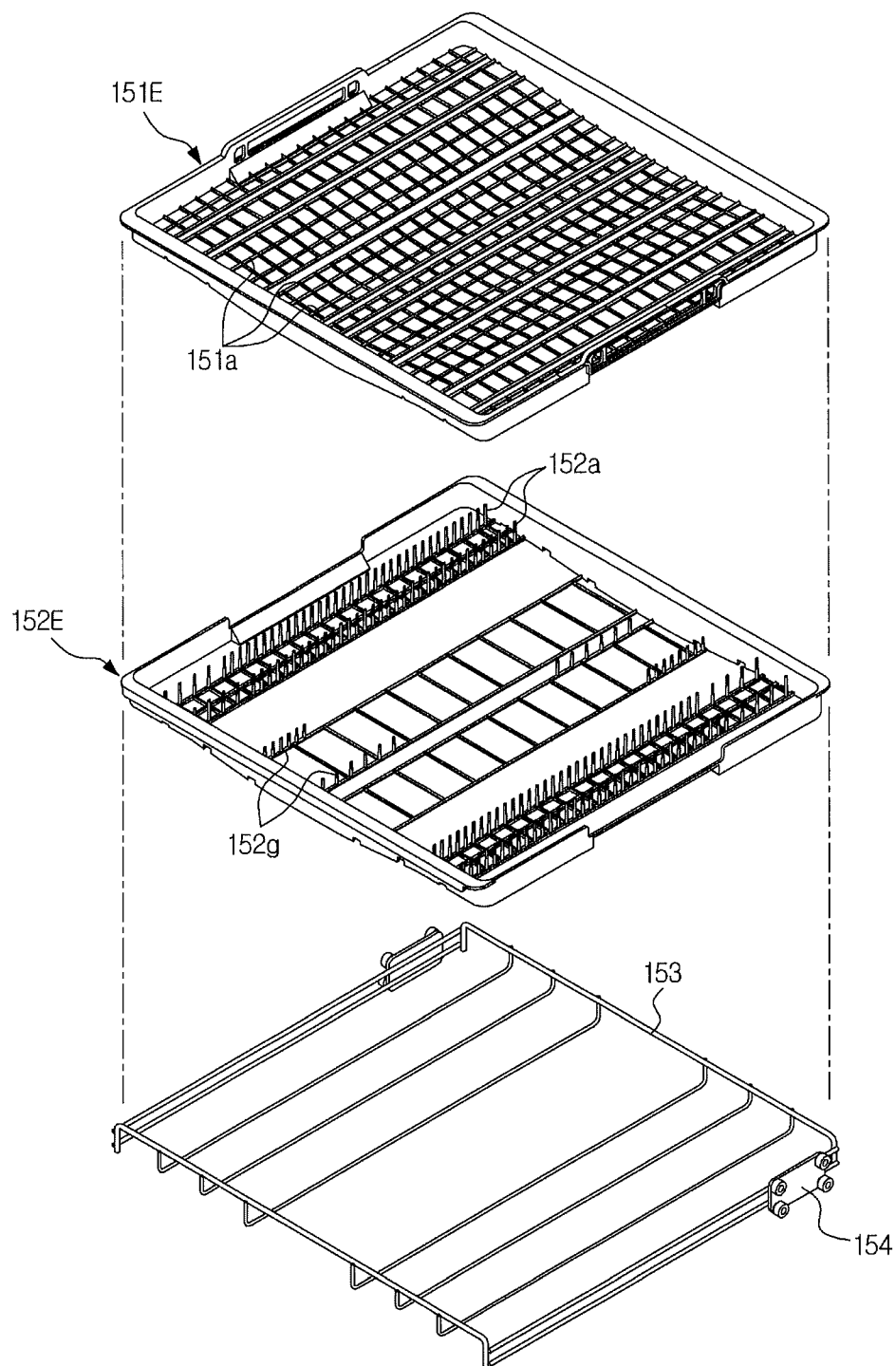


FIG. 14



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DISHWASHER BASKET UNIT**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 13/352,828, filed Jan. 18, 2012, which claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2011-0005546, filed on Jan. 19, 2011 in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND**1. Field**

Embodiments of the present invention relate to a dishwasher.

2. Description of the Related Art

A dishwasher is an apparatus that sprays wash water to tableware, accommodated in a wash tub, to remove foreign matter from the tableware. Also, the dishwasher may sterilize the washed tableware.

A rack unit of the dishwasher may accommodate various kinds of tableware. The tableware may include, but is not limited to, cutlery—for example, table knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks, etc.—bowls, dishes and culinary tools—for example, kitchen knives, dippers, etc.

Various pins to support various kinds of tableware are provided at the rack unit. Various kinds of tableware are arranged in a non-overlapping state by the pins. Wash water sprayed from spray nozzles washes the tableware in the rack unit.

Also, the dishwasher may include an additional spoon stand to accommodate spoons or chopsticks. The spoon stand may have openings so that spoons or chopsticks are accommodated in the spoon stand in a state in which the spoons or the chopsticks are put through the openings.

SUMMARY

Additional aspects and/or advantages will be set forth in part in the description which follows and, in part, will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by practice of the invention.

In accordance with an aspect, a dishwasher may include a basket unit including a first basket to accommodate cutlery and a second basket to accommodate at least a portion of the first basket below the first basket, the second basket having second pins to support the cutlery, a frame to accommodate the basket unit, and a wash tub to accommodate the basket unit and the frame.

The first basket may have first pins to support the cutlery.

The first basket may include a plurality of the first baskets.

The second basket may include a plurality of the second baskets corresponding to the first baskets.

The second pins of the second basket may protrude above the bottom of the first basket through openings formed at the bottom of the first basket when the second basket accommodates the first basket.

The first basket may have a plurality of grips, and the first pins may be located between the grips.

The first basket may have a plurality of sides connected to the bottom of the first basket, and one of the sides of the first basket may be open.

One of the grips may be located at the open side of the first basket.

The second basket may have grip supports corresponding to the grips of the first basket.

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The frame may accommodate only the first basket without the second basket, and the first basket may support the cutlery using the first pins.

The first basket may be provided at the bottom thereof with a slope from a predetermined point of one side to another side of the first basket, and the second basket may have openings provided so as to correspond to the slope of the first basket.

The second pins may protrude above the bottom of the first basket so that the second pins are higher than the first pins when the second basket accommodates the first basket.

A portion of the cutlery may be supported by the second pins and at least a portion of the remaining part of the cutlery may be supported by the first pins when the second basket accommodates the first basket.

The dishwasher may further include a guide to draw the frame, accommodating the basket unit, from the wash tub.

The frame may have basket supports, and the basket supports may be located below second grooves formed at a side of the second basket when the second basket is accommodated in the frame.

The first basket may have third pins, and the third pins may be provided at the open side of the first basket so as to be closer to the open side of the first basket than the second pins.

The third pins may be rotated to a predetermined angle from a bottom of the first basket.

The interval between the second pins corresponding to the third pins may be greater than the interval between the second pins corresponding to the first pins when the second basket accommodates the first basket.

The frame may accommodate the basket unit in a direction in which the basket unit is drawn out of the wash tub or in a direction perpendicular to the drawing direction.

The frame may accommodate only the first basket without the second basket in a direction in which the first basket is drawn out of the wash tub or in a direction perpendicular to the drawing direction.

In accordance with another aspect, a basket unit for dishwashers may include a first basket and a second basket to accommodate at least a portion of the first basket below the first basket, the second basket having second pins protruding above the bottom of the first basket through openings formed at the bottom of the first basket to support cutlery.

The first basket may have first pins to support the cutlery.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

These and/or other aspects of the invention will become apparent and more readily appreciated from the following description of the embodiments, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings of which:

FIG. 1 is a view illustrating a dishwasher, in which a basket unit is mounted, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 2 is a view illustrating a rack unit of the dishwasher according to an embodiment;

FIG. 3 is a front view of the rack unit according to an embodiment;

FIG. 4 is a view illustrating an upper basket according to an embodiment;

FIG. 5 is a view illustrating a lower basket according to an embodiment;

FIG. 6 is a view illustrating a basket unit, in which cutlery is placed, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 7 is a view of the upper basket and the lower basket, which are separated from each other, according to an embodiment;

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FIG. 8 is a view of a basket unit, the accommodation direction of which is changed, according to another embodiment;

FIG. 9 is a view of a basket unit, the accommodation direction of which is changed, according to a further embodiment;

FIG. 10 is a view illustrating heights of first, second and third pins according to an embodiment;

FIG. 11 is a view illustrating a rack unit to accommodate only the upper basket according to another embodiment;

FIG. 12 is a view illustrating a rotatable third pin of the upper basket according to the embodiment;

FIG. 13 is a view illustrating a rack unit of a dishwasher according to another embodiment; and

FIG. 14 is a view illustrating a rack unit of a dishwasher according to a further embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Reference will now be made in detail to the embodiments, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals refer to like elements throughout.

FIG. 1 is a view illustrating a dishwasher 100, in which a basket unit is mounted, according to an embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 1, the dishwasher 100 may include a wash tub 110, a door 120, a first rack unit 130, a second rack unit 140 and a rack unit 150.

The wash tub 110 is defined in the dishwasher 100. The wash tub 110 may have a predetermined capacity to accommodate tableware 10. For example, the capacity of the wash tub 110 may be indicated by volume—for example, cubic centimeters (cc), i.e. width (cm)×depth (cm)×height (cm), of the wash tub 110 or liters. The wash tub 110 may be provided at one side thereof with an opening 111 through which the first rack unit 130, the second rack unit 140 and the rack unit 150 may be inserted and drawn.

The door 120 may be mounted at the dishwasher 100 by a hinge (not shown) to open and close the opening 111 of the wash tub 110.

The wash tub 110 may include a plurality of wash water spray units (not shown). The wash water spray units may include a plurality of nozzles (not shown) to spray wash water—for example, water containing detergent—to wash various kinds of tableware 10, which are accommodated in the first rack unit 130, the second rack unit 140 and the rack unit 150.

The wash water spray units (not shown) may be mounted at the bottom, the side and/or the ceiling of the wash tub 110.

The wash water spray units (not shown) mounted at the bottom of the wash tub 110 may spray wash water upward. The wash water spray units (not shown) mounted at the side—for example, the side opposite to the opening 111, of the wash tub 110 may spray wash water upward or downward. The wash water spray units (not shown) mounted at the ceiling of the wash tub 110 may spray wash water downward.

The wash tub 110 may accommodate the first rack unit 130, the second rack unit 140 and the rack unit 150. The rack unit 150 may be disposed at the upper part of the wash tub 110. The second rack unit 140 may be disposed at the middle part of the wash tub 110. The first rack unit 130 may be disposed at the lower part of the wash tub 110.

In the wash tub 110 may be mounted guide rails 112 to support the first rack unit 130, the second rack unit 140 and the rack unit 150 and to guide the first rack unit 130, the second rack unit 140 and the rack unit 150 in directions 113

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indicated by an arrow so that the first rack unit 130, the second rack unit 140 and the rack unit 150 are inserted into and drawn from the wash tub 110.

Hereinafter, the term ‘support’ means to support cutlery to be washed at the rack unit 150 so that the cutlery is easily washed or to divide a plurality of pieces of cutlery using pins.

Based on capacity and performance of the dishwasher 110, other rack units (not shown) may be mounted in the wash tub 110. Also, the first rack unit 130 and the rack unit 150 may be disposed in the wash tub 110 to have a two-step structure or the second rack unit 140 and the rack unit 150 may be disposed in the wash tub 110 to have a two-step structure.

Also, the rack unit 150 may be disposed at the lower part of the wash tub 110.

The first rack unit 130, the second rack unit 140 and the rack unit 150 may accommodate various kinds of tableware 10 to be washed. The tableware 10 may include, but is not limited to, cutlery—for example, table knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks, etc.—bowls, dishes and culinary tools—for example, kitchen knives, dippers, etc.

The cutlery may include table cutlery including forks, table knives, spoons and chopsticks and kitchen cutlery including kitchen knives and dippers. Hereinafter, cutlery may include table cutlery and/or kitchen cutlery.

The first rack unit 130 and the second rack unit 140 may accommodate cutlery which may be accommodated in the rack unit 150. Alternatively, the first rack unit 130 and the second rack unit 140 may accommodate tableware 10—for example, pots, frying pans or dishes—larger in volume or size than cutlery which may be accommodated in the rack unit 150.

The rack unit 150 may include an upper basket 151, a lower basket 152, a frame 153 and a guide (not shown).

Hereinafter, the upper basket 151 and the lower basket 152 may constitute a basket unit 150A. The basket unit 150A may further include an additional basket (not shown) in addition to the upper basket 151 and the lower basket 152. The additional basket (not shown) may be disposed above the upper basket 151, between the upper basket 151 and the lower basket 152 or below the lower basket 152.

The upper basket 151 may have first pins and/or third pins to support cutlery. For example, the upper basket 151 may have the first pins or the third pins. Alternatively, the upper basket 151 may have the first pins and the third pins.

The lower basket 152 may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket 151—for example, the whole of the upper basket 151 or the bottom and side of the upper basket 151—below the upper basket 151 and may have second pins to support cutlery.

Also, the upper basket 151 and the lower basket 152 may have openings of various sizes through which wash water to wash cutlery passes.

The frame 153 may accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket 152, which accommodates at least a portion of the upper basket 151,—for example, the whole of the lower basket 152 or the bottom and side of the lower basket 152.

The dishwasher 100 may include a pump (not shown) to pump wash water, a wash water pipe (not shown) to allow the pumped wash water to flow to the wash water spray units (not shown) and a discharge port (not shown) through which wash water is discharged.

FIG. 2 is a view illustrating a rack unit 150 of the dishwasher according to an embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 2, the rack unit 150 may include an upper basket 151, a lower basket 152, a frame 153 and a guide 154. The lower basket 152 may be located below the upper basket 151 to accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket 151.

The frame **153** may be located below the lower basket **152** to accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket **152**.

The upper basket **151** may have a first extension **151e** extending from at least one side **151f** (see FIG. 4) of the upper basket **151**. For example, the first extension **151e** may be provided at one side, each of two sides, each of three sides and each of all sides of the upper basket **151**.

The first extension **151e** of the upper basket **151** may be placed on a second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152** disposed below the upper basket **151**. For example, the first extension **151e** may be placed on one second extension **152d**, each of two second extensions **152d**, each of three second extensions **152d** or each of four second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152**.

The first extension **151e** may extend from the side **151f** of the upper basket **151** at a predetermined angle—for example, an angle of 60 to 120 degrees.

Also, the upper basket **151** may have only the side **151f** without the first extension **151e**. The upper basket (not shown) having no first extension **151e** may be accommodated in the lower basket **152**.

A predetermined gap—for example, a gap of 5 mm—may be defined between the outside of the upper basket (not shown) having no first extension **151e** and the inside of the lower basket **152**.

The outside of the upper basket (not shown) having no first extension **151e** may substantially contact the inside of the lower basket **152**—for example, the gap between the outside of the upper basket (not shown) having no first extension **151e** and the inside of the lower basket **152** may be 1 mm or less.

The predetermined gap may be changed depending upon the structure and size of the upper basket **151** and the lower basket **152**.

The frame **153** may accommodate the upper basket **151** below the upper basket **151** without the lower basket **152**.

The lower basket **152** may have a second extension **152d** extending from at least one side **152e** (see FIG. 5) of the lower basket **152**. For example, the second extension **152d** may be provided at one side, each of two sides, each of three sides and each of all sides of the lower basket **152**.

The at least one second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152** may be placed on the frame **153**.

The second extension **152d** may extend from the side **152e** of the lower basket **152** at a predetermined angle—for example, an angle of 60 to 120 degrees—so that the second extension **152d** is placed on the frame **153**.

The second extension **152d** may extend from the side **152e** of the lower basket **152** at a predetermined angle—for example, an angle of 60 to 120 degrees—and may be bent from the extended end thereof at a predetermined angle—for example, an angle of 0 to 30 degrees—so as to cover at least a portion of the frame **153**.

Also, the lower basket **152** may have only the side **152e** without the second extension **152d**. The lower basket (not shown) having no second extension **152d** may be accommodated in the frame **153**.

A predetermined gap—for example, a gap of 5 mm—may be defined between the outside of the lower basket (not shown) having no second extension **152d** and the frame **153**.

The outside of the lower basket (not shown) having no second extension **152d** may substantially contact the frame **153**—for example, the gap between the outside of the lower basket (not shown) having no second extension **152d** and the frame **153** may be 1 mm or less.

The predetermined gap may be changed depending upon the structure and size of the lower basket **152** and the frame

153. Also, the predetermined gap may be set so that the lower basket **152** is separated from the frame **153**.

In a case in which the upper basket **151**, which is accommodated in the lower basket **152** or the frame **153**, includes a plurality of upper baskets—for example, a first upper basket **151A** disposed at the left side of the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** and a second upper basket **151B** disposed at the right side of the opening **111** of the wash tub **110**—the upper baskets **151A** and **151B** may have substantially the same volume—for example, the difference of volume between the upper baskets **151A** and **151B** is 10 cc or less. Also, the opposite upper baskets **151A** and **151B** may not be symmetrical.

In a case in which only one lower basket **152**, which accommodates the upper baskets **151A** and **151B** and is accommodated in the frame **153**, is provided, the volume of the lower basket **152** may be greater than those of the upper baskets **151A** and **151B**.

In a case in which the lower basket **152**, which accommodates the upper baskets **151A** and **151B** and is accommodated in the frame **153**, includes a plurality of lower baskets—for example, a first lower basket **152A** disposed at the left side of the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** and a second lower basket **152B** disposed at the right side of the opening **111** of the wash tub **110**, the lower baskets **152A** and **152B** may have substantially the same volume—for example, the difference of volume between the lower baskets **152A** and **152B** is 10 cc or less. Also, the opposite lower baskets **152A** and **152B** may be asymmetrical.

Also, the volume of the lower basket **152** may be greater than that of the upper basket **151** at least a portion of which is accommodated in the lower basket **152**.

The frame **153** may include basket supports **153a**, a first frame **153b** and a second frame **153c**.

The frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket **152**, which accommodates at least a portion of the upper basket **151**, using the basket supports **153a**, the first frame **153b** and the second frame **153c**. Also, the frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of only the upper basket **151** without the lower basket **152**.

The guide **154** may be disposed at the side of the frame **153** so that the frame **153** is inserted into and drawn from the wash tub **110** through the opening **111** of the wash tub **110**. The guide **154** may include a plurality of wheels **154a** and a plurality of axles **154b** corresponding to the wheels **154a**.

The guide **154** may include a plurality of guides **154** disposed at one side of the frame **153**.

The detailed structure of the upper basket **151** of the rack unit **150** will be described below with reference to FIG. 4.

The detailed structure of the lower basket **152** of the rack unit **150** will be described below with reference to FIG. 5.

FIG. 3 is a front view of the rack unit according to the embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 3, the first extension **151e** of the upper basket **151** may extend from the side **151f** (see FIG. 4) of the upper basket **151** at a predetermined angle so that the first extension **151e** of the upper basket **151** is placed on the second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152**.

The second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152** may extend from the side of the lower basket **152** at a predetermined angle and may be bent at a predetermined angle so that the second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152** is placed on the frame **153**. The second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152** may cover at least a portion of the frame **153**.

The lower basket **152** may be provided at the side thereof with at least one second groove **152c**.

The at least one second groove **152c** may have a predetermined radius of curvature. In a case in which the at least one second groove **152c** includes a plurality of second grooves **152c**, the second grooves **152c** may have different radii of curvature.

The frame **153** includes basket supports **153a**, a first frame **153b** and the second frame **153c**.

The frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151** or the lower basket **152**, which accommodates at least a portion of the upper basket **151**.

The first extension **151e** of the upper basket **151** or the second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152** may be placed on the first frame **153b**.

At least a portion of the first frame **153b** of the frame **153** may be exposed out of the second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152**.

The guide **154** is fixed to the second frame **153c**.

As shown in FIG. 2, each of the basket supports **153a** may be formed in the shape of a rib parallel to the second frame **153c**. The ribs may be parallel to the first frame **153b**. The ribs may intersect the first frame **153b** and the second frame **153c**.

When the frame **153** accommodates the upper basket **151** or the lower basket **152**, at least one basket support **153a** may be located below the uppermost part **152b1** of at least one second groove **152c** of the lower basket **152**—for example, the highest point of the second groove **152c**.

In a case in which the second extension **152d** is not provided at the lower basket **152**, the second grooves **152c** of the lower basket **152** may be placed at the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**—for example, the second grooves **152c** of the lower basket **152** may contact the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**.

In a case in which the first extension **151e** is not provided at the upper basket **151**, first grooves **151d** of the upper basket **151** may be placed at the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**—for example, the first grooves **151d** of the upper basket **151** may contact the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**.

The end of each grip **151b** of the upper basket **151** may be formed at the highest position of the rack unit **150**.

Referring to FIG. 3, the upper baskets **151A** and **151B** and the lower baskets **152A** and **152B**, which are accommodated in the frame **153**, may be asymmetrical. Such asymmetry may be caused by grip gaps **151b1** (see FIG. 4) corresponding to the grips **151b** of each of the upper baskets **151A** and **151B** located at the center of the frame **153**. For example, the grip gaps **151b1** may be provided for a user to hold the grips **151b** of each of the upper baskets **151A** and **151B**. Alternatively, the upper baskets **151A** and **151B** and the lower baskets **152A** and **152B**, which are accommodated in the frame **153**, may be symmetrical. Such symmetry may be caused by a predetermined gap defined between the upper baskets **151A** and **151B**, which are accommodated in the frame **153**. For example, the predetermined gap may be for a user to hold the grips **151b** of each of the upper baskets **151A** and **151B**.

FIG. 4 is a view illustrating an upper basket according to an.

Referring to FIG. 4, the upper basket **151** may include first pins **151a**, grips **151b**, third pins **151c**, first grooves **151d**, a first extension **151e**, a side **151f**, an open side **151f1** and a bottom **151g**.

The side **151f** of the upper basket **151** may extend upwardly from the end of the bottom **151g** at a predetermined angle—for example, an angle of 70 to 110 degrees.

The bottom **151g** may include first wires **151g1**, second wires **151g2** and first openings **151g3** defined by intersection of the first wires **151g1** and the second wires **151g2**.

The first openings **151g3** may be defined by intervals at which the first wires **151g1** and the second wires **151g2** intersect.

Also, the bottom **151g** may include second openings **151g4** defined by the second wires **151g2**. The second pins **152a** of the lower basket **152**, which is located below the upper basket **151**, may protrude above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151** through the second openings **151g4**.

The second openings **151g4** are provided at the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151** so that the second pins **152a** of the lower basket **152** pass through the second openings **151g4**. Additional fourth pins (not shown) of the lower basket **152** may protrude above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151** through the second openings **151g4**. Also, fifth pins (not shown) of an additional basket (not shown), which may be disposed between the upper basket **151** and the lower basket **152** or below the lower basket **152**, may protrude above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151** through the second openings **151g4**.

Also, the bottom **151g** may include second openings (not shown) defined by the first wires **151g1**.

The side **151f** may include the open side **151f1**. The height **h1** of the open side **151f1** may be lower than the minimum height **h2** of the side based on the height of the first extension **151e**. The height **h1** of the open side **151f1** may be lower than the maximum height **h3** of the side. More specifically, the height **h1** of the open side **151f1** may be about 0.1 to 10 mm lower than the minimum height **h2** of the side. Also, the height **h1** of the open side **151f1** may be equal to the height of the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151**.

Cutlery longer than the length between the grips **151b** formed at the opposite sides of the upper basket **151** may be accommodated in the upper basket **151** using the open side **151f1** and the third pins **151c**.

In a similar manner to the bottom **151g**, the side **151f** of the upper basket **151** may have widthwise wires (not shown), depthwise wires (not shown) and fifth openings (not shown) defined by intersection of the widthwise wires (not shown) and the depthwise wires (not shown).

The grips **151b** may be provided at the respective sides **151f** of the upper basket **151**. The grips **151b** may be provided at opposite sides **151f** of the upper basket **151** so as to be parallel to the second wires **151g2** of the bottom **151g**. The grips **151b** may be provided at the opposite sides **151f** of the upper basket **151** so as to be parallel to the first wires **151g1** of the bottom **151g**. Also, the grips **151b** may be provided at all the sides **151f** of the upper basket **151**.

The height of each of the grips **151b** may be equal to or greater than the heights **h2** and **h3** of the first extension **151e** based on the bottom **151g**.

One of the grips **151b** may be provided at the open side **151f1** of the upper basket **151**. The grip **151b** may be located at the middle of the open side **151f1**.

The first pins **151a** may be provided on at least some of the second wires **151g2** of the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151**. Also, the first pins **151a** may be provided on at least some of the first wires **151g1** of the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151**.

Also, the first pins **151a** may be provided on at least some of the first wires **151g1** and at least some of the second wires **151g2**.

The first pins **151a** may support cutlery—for example, heads **11a** of spoons. For example, when the length of the spoons is shorter than the distance between the side **151f1** and first pins **151a2**, the heads **11a** of the spoons may be supported by first pins **151a1**. When the length of the spoons is shorter than the distance between the side **151f1** and first pins

151a3, the heads **11a** of the spoons may be supported by the first pins **151a1** and **151a2** or by the first pins **151a2**. When the length of the spoons is longer than the distance between the side **151f** and the first pins **151a3**, the heads **11a** of the spoons may be supported by the first pins **151a3**.

The height of the first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3** may be substantially the same—for example, the difference in height between the first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3** may be 2 mm or less. Alternatively, the height of the first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3** may be different.

The third pins **151c** may be provided on at least some of the second wires **151g2** of the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151**. The third pins **151c** may support cutlery—for example, a grip **12c** of a table knife **12**. Also, the third pins **151c** may support cutlery—for example, a grip **13c** or an edge **13a** of a kitchen knife **13**.

The number of third pins **151c1** and **151c2** may be less than that of the first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3**. The height of the third pins **151c1** and **151c2** may be lower than that of the first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3**. The interval between the third pins **151c1**—the distance between neighboring third pins **151c1**—may be less than that of the third pins **151c2**—the distance between neighboring third pins **151c2**.

The bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151** may have a slope. More specifically, the bottom **151g** may slope from a predetermined point based on one side **151f**—for example, shorter than the distance between one side **151f** and the first pins **151a1**—to an opposite side **151f** at a predetermined angle—for example, an angle of 0.1 to 12 degrees based on the first extension **151e**.

Alternatively, the bottom **151g** may have a plurality of slopes. For example, the bottom **151g** may slope to a predetermined point based on one side **151f**—for example, shorter than the distance between one side **151f** and the first pins **151a1**—at a predetermined angle based on the first extension **151e**—for example, an angle of 0.1 to 5 degrees and may slope from the predetermined point to an opposite side **151f** at an angle of 12 degrees based on the first extension **151e**. The predetermined angle may be measured using the bottom **151g** and the side **151f**.

Also, the slope may be provided so as to correspond to the size of cutlery supported by the respective pins **151a** and **151c**—for example, heads **11a**, connections **11b** and grips **11c** of spoons **11**.

The third pins **151c1** may be located between the first pins **151a1** and the first pins **151a2**. The third pins **151c1** may be located between the first pins **151a1** and the first pins **151a3**. Alternatively, the third pins **151c1** and **151c2** may be located between the first pins **151a1** and the first pins **151a3**. Also, the third pins **151c1** and **151c2** may be provided so as to be opposite to the open side **151f**. The distance between the third pins **151c1** and **151c2** may be greater than that between the first pins **151a1** and **151a2**.

The first grooves **151d** may be formed at the side **151f** of the upper basket **151**. The first grooves **151d** may correspond to the second grooves **152c** of the lower basket **152**. The first grooves **151d** may be placed on the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**.

The upper basket **151** may be made of a material which is formed by heating and/or pressing—for example, by heating, by pressing or by heating and pressing. The upper basket **151** may be made of a nonferrous metal or a metal.

FIG. 5 is a view illustrating a lower basket according to an embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 5, the lower basket **152** may include second pins **152a**, grip supports **152b**, second grooves **152c**, a second extension **152d**, a side **152e**, an open side **152e1** and a bottom **152f**.

The side **152e** of the lower basket **152** may extend upwardly from the end of the bottom **152f** at a predetermined angle—for example, an angle of 70 to 110 degrees.

The bottom **152f** may include first wires **152f1**, second wires **152f2** and third openings **152f3** defined by intersection of the first wires **152f1** and the second wires **152f2**. The first wires **152f1** and the second wires **152f2** may intersect to define the third openings **152f3**.

Also, the bottom **152f** may include fifth openings (not shown) defined by the second wires **152f2**. Fifth pins (not shown) of an additional basket (not shown) may protrude above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151** through the fifth openings (not shown).

The side **152e** may include the open side **152e1**. The height **h4** of the open side **152e1** may be lower than the minimum height **h5** of the side **152e** based on the height of the first extension **152d**. The height **h4** of the open side **152e1** may be lower than the maximum height **h6** of the side. The height **h4** of the open side **152e1** may be about 0.1 to 10 mm lower than the minimum height **h5** of the side. Also, the height **h4** of the open side **152e1** may be equal to the height of the bottom **152f** of the lower basket **152**.

In a similar manner to the bottom **152f**, the side **152e** of the lower basket **152** may have widthwise wires (not shown), depthwise wires (not shown) and sixth openings (not shown) defined by intersection of the widthwise wires (not shown) and the depthwise wires (not shown).

The grip supports **152b** may be provided at opposite sides **152e** of the lower basket **152** so as to be parallel to the second wires **152f2** of the bottom **152f** so that the grip supports **152b** correspond to the grips **151b** of the upper basket **151**. The grip supports **152b** may be provided at the opposite sides **152e** of the lower basket **152** so as to be parallel to the first wires **152f1** of the bottom **152f**.

Also, the grip supports **152b** may be provided at all the sides **152e** of the lower basket **152**.

The height of each of the grip supports **152b** may be less than the heights **h5** and **h6** of the second extension **152d**. One of the grip supports **152b** may be provided so as to correspond to the grips **151b** formed at the open side **151f** of the upper basket **151**. The grip support **152b** may be located at the middle of the open side **152e1**.

The second pins **152a** may be provided on at least some of the second wires **152f2** of the bottom **152f** of the lower basket **152**. Also, the second pins **152a** may be provided on at least some of the first wires **152f1** of the bottom **152f** of the lower basket **152**.

Also, the second pins **152a** may be provided on at least some of the first wires **152f1** and at least some of the second wires **152f2**.

The second pins **152a** may support cutlery—for example, grips **11b** of spoons. For long cutlery supported by the second pins **152a** and the third pins **151c**—for example, a table knife **12**, the second pins **152a** may support a grip **12c** of the table knife **12** and the third pins **151c** may support a connection **12b** of the table knife **12**. A head **12a** of the table knife **12** may be placed at the upper basket **151b** neighboring to the upper basket **151a**.

The number of second pins **152a1** and **152a2** may be less than that of the first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3**. The number of second pins **152a1** and **152a2** may be greater than that of the third pins **151c1** and **151c2**.

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The height of the second pins **152a1** and **152a2** may be higher than that of the first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3**. The height of the second pins **152a1** and **152a2** may be higher than that of the third pins **151c1** and **151c2**.

The interval between the second pins **152a** opposite to the open side **152e1**—the distance between neighboring second pins **152a**—may be greater than that of the second pins **152a** opposite to the grip support **152b**—the distance between neighboring second pins **152a**.

The bottom **152f** of the lower basket **152** may have a slope. The slope of the bottom **152f** of the lower basket **152** may correspond to that of the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151**.

The bottom **152f** may slope from a predetermined point based on one side **152e**—for example, longer than the distance between one side **151f** and the second pins **152a1**—to an opposite side **152e** at a predetermined angle—for example, an angle of 0.1 to 12 degrees based on the second extension **152d**.

Alternatively, the bottom **152f** may have a plurality of slopes. For example, the bottom **152f** may slope to a predetermined point based on one side **152e**—for example, shorter than the distance between one side **152e** and the second pins **152a1**—at a predetermined angle based on the second extension **152d**—for example, an angle of 0.1 to 5 degrees and may slope from the predetermined point to an opposite side **152e** at an angle of 12 degrees based on the second extension **152d**. The predetermined angle may be measured using the side **152e** corresponding to the bottom **152f**.

The bottom **152f** of the lower basket **152** may have fourth openings **152g4** corresponding to the upper basket **151**.

When the upper basket **151** is accommodated in the lower basket **152**, the second pins **152a1** and **152a2** may protrude above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151** through the second openings **151g4** of the upper basket **151**.

The distance between the second pins **152a1** and the first pins **151a1** protruding above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151** may be narrower than that between the second pins **152a1** and the third pins **151c1** protruding above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151**.

The interval between the second pins **152a** corresponding to the third pins **151c** may be greater than that of the second pins **152a** not corresponding to the third pins **151c**.

The second grooves **152c** may be formed at the side **152e** of the lower basket **152**.

The second grooves **152c** may correspond to the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**. For example, the number of the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153** may be equal to that of the second grooves **152c**. The second grooves **152c** may be placed on the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**.

The number of the second grooves **152c** may be greater than that of the first grooves **151d**.

When the frame **153** accommodates the lower basket **152**, at least one basket support **153a** of the frame **153** may be located below the uppermost part **152b1** of at least one second groove **152c** of the lower basket **152**—for example, the highest point of the second groove **152c**.

The lower basket **152** may be made of a material which is formed by heating and/or pressing—for example, by heating, by pressing or by heating and pressing. The lower basket **152** may be made of a nonferrous metal or a metal.

FIG. 6 is a view illustrating a basket unit, in which cutlery is placed, according to an embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 6, there is shown cutlery—for example, spoons **11**, a table knife **12** and a kitchen knife **13**—placed in the upper basket **151** when the upper basket **151** is accommodated in the lower basket **152**.

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The first pins **151a** of the upper basket **151** and the second pins **152a** of the lower basket **152** may support the cutlery. The third pins **151c** of the upper basket **151** and the second pins **152a** of the lower basket **152** may support the cutlery.

The first pins **151a** and the third pins **151c** of the upper basket **151** and the second pins **152a** of the lower basket **152** may support the cutlery.

The first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3** of the upper basket **151** may support heads of the cutlery so as to correspond to the length or shape of the cutlery. For example, the heads **11a** of the spoons **11** may be supported by only the first pins **151a1**, by only the first pins **151a2**, by only the first pins **151a3**, by the first pins **151a1** and **151a2** by the first pins **151a1** and **151a3**, by the first pins **151a2** and **151a3** or by the first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3**.

The second pins **152a** of the lower basket **152** may upwardly protrude above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151** through the second openings **151g4** of the upper basket **151** to support grips **11c** of the spoons **11**.

The basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**, which accommodates the upper basket **151** and the lower basket **152**, may be disposed below the upper basket **151** and the lower basket **152**.

Also, the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**, which accommodates only the upper basket **151** without the lower basket **152**, may be disposed below the upper basket **151**.

Referring to FIG. 6, the grips **11c** of the spoons may be supported by the second pins **152a1** and **152a2**, and the heads **11a** of the spoons may be supported by the first pins **151a2**.

A grip **12c** of the table knife **12** may be supported by the second pins **152a1** and **152a2**, and a connection **12b** of the table knife **12** may be supported by the third pins **151c1**.

A grip **13c** of the kitchen knife **13** may be supported by the second pins **152a1** and **152a2**, and an edge **13a** of the kitchen knife **13** may be supported by the third pins **151c1** and **151c2**. Also, the edge **13a** of the kitchen knife **13** may be supported by the first pins **151a** and the third pins **151c1** and **151c2**.

FIG. 7 is a view of the upper basket and the lower basket, which are separated from each other, according to an embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 7, a user may separate the upper basket **151** from the lower basket **152** using the grips **151b** or the first extension **151e** of the upper basket **151** after the rack unit **150** is drawn from the wash tub **110** of the dishwasher **100**.

When the user separates the upper basket **151** from the lower basket **152**—for example, lifts the upper basket **151** upward—the second pins **152a1** and **152a2** of the lower basket **152** downwardly pass through the second openings **151g4** of the upper basket **151**.

When the upper basket **151** is separated from the lower basket **152**, the lower basket **152** may remain accommodated in the frame **153**.

A second posture of the cutlery items **11**, **12** and **13** in FIG. 7—the posture of the cutlery items **11**, **12** and **13** when the upper basket **151** is separated from the lower basket **152**—may be different from a first posture of the cutlery items **11**, **12** and **13** in FIG. 6—the posture of the cutlery items **11**, **12** and **13** when the upper basket **151** is accommodated in the lower basket **152**.

For example, at the first posture of the spoons, the heads **11a** of the spoons **11** may be supported by the first pins **151a1**, and the grips **11c** of the spoons **11** may be supported by the second pins **152a1** and **152a2**. At the second posture of the spoons, at least some of the heads **11a** of the spoons **11** may be placed at the first pins **151a1** without the second pins **152a1** and **152a2**.

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Also, when the upper basket **151** is separated from the lower basket **152**, long cutlery supported by the second pins **152a1** and **152a2** and the third pins **151c** may be supported by the third pins **151c**—for example, the third pins **151c1**, the third pins **151c2** or the third pins **151c1** and **151c2**—without the second pins **152a1** and **152a2**.

When the upper basket **151** is separated from the lower basket **152**, the cutlery in the upper basket **151** may easily be separated from the upper basket **151**.

Also, the user may separate the basket unit **150A**—the upper basket **151** and the lower basket **152**—from the frame **153** using the second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152**, which accommodates the upper basket **151**, after the rack unit **150** is drawn from the wash tub **110** of the dishwasher **100**.

The user may separate the upper basket **151** from the lower basket **152** after separating the basket unit **150A**.

When the upper basket **151** is separated from the lower basket **152**, the cutlery in the upper basket **151** may easily be separated from the upper basket **151**.

FIG. **8** is a view of a basket unit, the accommodation direction of which is changed, according to another embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **8**, the rack unit **150** may include an upper basket **151**, a lower basket **152**, a frame **153** and a guide **154**.

The lower basket **152** may be located below the upper basket **151**. The lower basket **152** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151** rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction as compared with the upper basket **151** of FIG. **2**.

The frame **153** may be located below the lower basket **152**. The frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket **152** rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction as compared with the lower basket **152** of FIG. **2**.

The guide **154** may be provided at the side of the frame **153** so that the frame **153** is inserted into and drawn from the wash tub **110** through the opening **111** of the wash tub **110**. A user may open the door **120** of the dishwasher **100** and draw the rack unit **150** from the wash tub **110** using the guide rails **112** before or after washing cutlery.

Referring to FIG. **1** or **2**, when a user opens the door **120** of the dishwasher **100** and fully draws the rack unit **150** from the wash tub **110** in the drawing direction **113**, the user may easily separate the upper basket **151** from the lower basket **152**. For example, full drawing means that the upper basket **151**—having two grips **151b**—is separated from the lower basket **152** without interference with the ceiling of the wash tub **110**. Also, full drawing means that the rack unit **150** is drawn a longer distance than the length of the second frame **153c** from the wash tub **110**.

Referring to FIG. **8**, when a user opens the door **120** of the dishwasher **100** and draws the rack unit **150**—including the basket unit **150A** the loading direction of which is changed—from the wash tub **110** to a predetermined position in the drawing direction **113**, the user may separate the upper basket **151** from the lower basket **152**. For example, the predetermined position may be a position where the upper basket **151** is separated from the lower basket **152** without interference with the ceiling of the wash tub **110**. Also, the predetermined position may be a first position outside the wash tub **110** shorter than the total length of the second frame **153c**—for example, a position equivalent to 65 to 95% of the total length of the second frame **153c** in the drawing direction **113** of the rack unit **150**.

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Also, the frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151** rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction without the lower basket **152**.

Also, when the rack unit **150** is drawn to the predetermined position to separate the upper basket **151A**, load applied to the guide **154** of the rack unit **150** may be reduced. For example, load applied to the guide **154** of the rack unit when the rack unit **150** is drawn to the predetermined position to separate the upper basket **151A** and then the rack unit **150** is fully drawn to separate the upper basket **151B** is different from load applied to the guide **154** of the rack unit when the rack unit **150** is fully drawn to simultaneously separate the upper baskets **151A** and **151B**.

FIG. **9** is a view of a basket unit, the accommodation direction of which is changed, according to a further embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **9**, the rack unit **150** may include an upper basket **151C** having four grips **151b**, a lower basket **152C**, a frame **153** and a guide **154**.

The lower basket **152C** may be located below the upper basket **151C**. The lower basket **152** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151C** rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction as compared with the upper basket **151** of FIG. **2**. The lower basket **152C** may have grip supports **152b** corresponding to the grips **151b** of the upper basket **151C**.

The frame **153** may be located below the lower basket **152C**. The frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket **152C**—accommodating at least a portion of the upper basket **151C**—rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction as compared with the lower basket **152** of FIG. **2**.

The guide **154** may be provided at the side of the frame **153** so that the frame **153** is inserted into and drawn from the wash tub **110** through the opening **111** of the wash tub **110**.

A user may open the door **120** of the dishwasher **100** and draw the rack unit **150** from the wash tub **110** in the drawing direction **113** using the guide rails **112** before or after washing cutlery.

Referring to FIG. **1** or **2**, when a user opens the door **120** of the dishwasher **100** and fully draws the rack unit **150** from the wash tub **110** in the drawing direction **113**, the user may separate the upper basket **151**—having two grips **151b**—from the lower basket **152**. For example, full drawing means that the upper basket **151** is separated from the lower basket **152** without interference with the ceiling of the wash tub **110**. Also, full drawing means that the rack unit **150** is drawn a distance equivalent to the length of the second frame **153c** from the wash tub **110**.

Referring to FIG. **9**, when a user opens the door **120** of the dishwasher **100** and draws out the rack unit **150**—including the basket unit **150A** the loading direction of which is changed—from the wash tub **110** to a predetermined position in the drawing direction **113**, the user may separate the upper basket **151C** from the lower basket **152C**. For example, the predetermined position may be a position where the upper basket **151C** is separated from the lower basket **152C** without interference with the ceiling of the wash tub **110**. Also, the predetermined position may be a first position outside the wash tub **110** shorter than the total length of the second frame **153c**—for example, a position equivalent to 55 to 95% of the total length of the second frame **153c** in the drawing direction **113** of the rack unit **150**.

The user may separate the upper basket **151C** from the lower basket **152C** using the grip **151b** opposite to the open-

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ing **111** of the wash tub **110** or the grip **151b** perpendicular to the grip **151b** opposite to the opening **111**.

Also, the frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151C**, having four grips **151b**, rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction without the lower basket **152C**.

FIG. **10** is a view illustrating heights of first, second and third pins according to an embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **10**, there are shown heights of a first pin **151a** and a third pin **151c** disposed at the upper basket **151** and of a second pin **152a** disposed at the lower basket **152**.

The second pin **152a** may have the maximum height and the first pin **151a** may have the minimum height. The height of the second pin **152a** may be higher than that of the third pin **151c**. Also, the height of the second pin **152a** may be equal to that of the third pin **151c**.

The heights of the first pins **151a1**, **151a2** and **151a3** may be different. For example, the height of the first pin **151a3** may be higher than those of the other first pins **151a1** and **151a2**.

The heights of the second pins **152a1** and **152a2** may be different. For example, the height of the second pin **152a2** may be higher than that of the second pin **152a1**. Alternatively, the height of the second pin **152a1** may be higher than that of the second pin **152a2**.

The heights of the third pins **151c1** and **151c2** may be different. For example, the height of the third pin **151c2** may be higher than that of the third pin **151c1**. Alternatively, the height of the third pin **151c1** may be higher than that of the third pin **151c2**.

The respective pins **151a**, **152a** and **151c** may have sections corresponding to the size of cutlery accommodated in the rack unit **150**.

FIG. **11** is a view illustrating a rack unit to accommodate only the upper basket according to another embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **11**, the frame **153** may be located below the upper basket **151** and the lower basket **152** may be omitted. The frame may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151**.

The first extension **151e** of the upper basket **151** may extend from the side **151f** of the upper basket **151** at a predetermined angle so as to be provided on the frame **153**.

The first extension **151e** may be placed on the frame **153**—for example, above only the first frame **153b**, only the second frame **153c** or both the first frame **153b** and the second frame **153c**. The first extension **151e** may be placed on the frame **153** so as not to cover the first frame **153b** or the second frame **153c**.

When the frame **153** accommodates the upper basket **151**, at least one basket support **153a** of the frame **153** may be located below the uppermost part **151d1** of at least one first groove **151d** of the upper basket **151**—for example, the highest point of the first groove **151d**.

Also, when the frame **153** accommodates at least a portion of the upper basket **151** having no first extension **151e**, the first grooves **151d** of the upper basket **151** may be placed at the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**—for example, the first grooves **151d** of the upper basket **151** may contact the basket supports **153a** of the frame **153**.

Also, the frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151** rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction without the lower basket **152**.

FIG. **12** is a view illustrating a rotatable third pin of the upper basket according to an embodiment.

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Referring to FIG. **12**, the third pin **151c** of the upper basket **151** may be rotated a predetermined angle θ with respect to the second wire **151g2**.

For example, the predetermined angle may be an angle by which the third pin **151c** is rotatable without contacting a neighboring left second wire **151g2** or a neighboring right second wire **151g2**—for example, without rotation of a third pin **151c3** being limited.

The predetermined angle may be an angle by which rotation of the third pin **151c** is limited by a stopper (not shown) provided at the second wire **151g2** at which the third pin **151c3** is provided—for example, rotation of the third pin **151c** is limited to 90 degrees.

Also, the third pin **151c3** may slide in the longitudinal direction of the second wire **151g2** at which the third pin **151c3** is provided—for example, to a connection between the second wire **151g2** and the first wire **151g1**.

FIG. **13** is a view illustrating a rack unit of a dishwasher according to another embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **13**, the rack unit **150** may include an upper basket **151D**, a lower basket **152D**, a frame **153** and a guide **154**.

The upper basket **151D** may not have an open side **151/1** as compared with the upper basket **151** of FIG. **2**. Also, the lower basket **152D** may not have an open side **152e1** corresponding to the upper basket **151D**.

At least one first extension **151e** of the upper basket **151D** may be placed on a second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152D**.

The frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket **152D**, which accommodates at least a portion of the upper basket **151D**.

At least one second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152D** may be placed on the frame **153**.

The second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152D** may cover at least a portion of the frame **153**. At least a portion of a first frame **153b** of the frame **153** may be exposed out of the second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152D**.

Also, the lower basket **152D** may be located below the upper basket **151D**. The lower basket **152D** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151D** rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction.

The frame **153** may be located below the lower basket **152D**. The frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket **152D**, accommodating at least a portion of the upper basket **151D**, rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction.

The guide **154** may be provided at the side of the frame **153** so that the frame **153** is inserted into and drawn from the wash tub **110** through the opening **111** of the wash tub **110**.

Also, the frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151D** without the lower basket **152D**.

The frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151D** rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction without the lower basket **152D**.

FIG. **14** is a view illustrating a rack unit of a dishwasher according to a further embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **14**, the rack unit **150** may include an upper basket **151E**, a lower basket **152E**, a frame **153** and a guide **154**.

The upper basket **151E** may have a plurality of first pins **151a** to support cutlery. The lower basket **152E** may have a plurality of second pins **152a** and third pins **152g** to support

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cutlery. The upper basket **151E** may include second openings **151g4** and sixth openings **151g5** defined by second wires **151g2**.

The second pins **152a** and the third pins **152g** of the lower basket **152E**, located below the upper basket **151E**, protrude above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151E** through the second openings **151g4** and the sixth openings **151g5**.

Also, the upper basket **151E** may have no pins to support cutlery. The lower basket **152E** may have second pins **152a**, third pins **152g** and first pins (not shown) to support cutlery so as to correspond to the upper basket having no pins.

The upper basket **151E** may include second openings **151g4**—corresponding to the second pins **152a**—, sixth openings **151g5**—corresponding to the third pins **152g**—and seventh openings (not shown)—corresponding to the first pins (not shown)—defined by the second wires **151g2**. The second pins **152a**, the third pins **152g** and the first pins (not shown) of the lower basket **152E**, located below the upper basket **151E**, may protrude above the bottom **151g** of the upper basket **151E** through the second openings **151g4**, the sixth openings **151g5** and the seventh openings (not shown).

The frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket **152E**, which accommodates at least a portion of the upper basket **151E**.

At least one second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152E** may be placed on the frame **153**. The second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152E** may cover at least a portion of the frame **153**. At least a portion of a first frame **153b** of the frame **153** may be exposed out of the second extension **152d** of the lower basket **152E**.

The lower basket **152E** may be located below the upper basket **151E**. The lower basket **152E** may accommodate at least a portion of the upper basket **151E** rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction.

The frame **153** may be located below the lower basket **152E**. The frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket **152E**, accommodating at least a portion of the upper basket **151E**, rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction.

The guide **154** may be provided at the side of the frame **153** so that the frame **153** is inserted into and drawn from the wash tub **110** through the opening **111** of the wash tub **110**.

Also, the frame **153** may accommodate at least a portion of the lower basket **152E** rotated 90 degrees from the opening **111** of the wash tub **110** in the counterclockwise direction without the upper basket **151E**.

As is apparent from the above description, embodiments provide a dishwasher wherein cutlery, accommodated in an upper basket, is easily separated from the upper basket using the upper basket and a lower basket to support the cutlery.

Also, embodiments provide a dishwasher wherein an upper basket is separated from a lower basket to easily separate cutlery, accommodated in the upper basket, from the upper basket.

Also, embodiments provide a dishwasher wherein loading directions of an upper basket and a lower basket are changed so that the upper basket and the lower basket are accommodated in a frame.

Although a few embodiments have been shown and described, it would be appreciated by those skilled in the art that changes may be made in these embodiments without departing from the principles and spirit of the invention, the scope of which is defined in the claims and their equivalents.

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What is claimed is:

1. A dishwasher comprising:

a first basket having a plurality of openings at a bottom of the first basket to accommodate cutlery;

a frame having a plurality of protruding members; and

a wash tub configured to support the frame,

wherein when the first basket is lowered for installation on the frame, the lowering of the first basket causes the plurality of protruding members to penetrate at least one of the openings such that the plurality of protruding members provide lateral support for the cutlery.

2. The dishwasher according to claim 1, when the first basket is lifted up from the wash tub, the lifting up of the first basket causes the bottom of the first basket to be at a height greater than the upper ends of the plurality of protruding members such that the upper ends of the plurality of protruding members no longer protrude above the bottom of the first basket.

3. The dishwasher according to claim 1, wherein the frame comprises a second basket disposed below the first basket to support the first basket, the second basket having the plurality of protruding members,

wherein when the first basket is supported by the second basket, the protruding members protrude through at least one of the openings.

4. The dishwasher according to claim 3, wherein the protruding members comprise a plurality of vertical pins formed on the second basket.

5. The dishwasher according to claim 3, wherein the first basket has a plurality of vertical pins to laterally support the cutlery.

6. The dishwasher according to claim 5, wherein the first basket has a plurality of grips, and the vertical pins are located between the grips.

7. The dishwasher according to claim 5, wherein the protruding members protrude above the bottom of the first basket such that the protruding members are higher than the vertical pins when the second basket accommodates the first basket.

8. The dishwasher according to claim 5, wherein a portion of the cutlery is supported by the protruding members and at least a portion of the remaining part of the cutlery is supported by the vertical pins when the second basket accommodates the first basket.

9. The dishwasher according to claim 3, wherein the first basket comprises a plurality of the first sub-baskets.

10. The dishwasher according to claim 3, wherein the second basket comprises a plurality of the second sub-baskets corresponding to the first sub-baskets.

11. A dishwasher comprising:

a wash tub;

a first basket having a plurality of openings formed by a plurality of wires at a bottom of the first basket; and

a plurality of support members penetrating the bottom of the first basket through at least one of the openings to laterally support cutlery accommodated in the first basket,

wherein, when the first basket is lifted up from the wash tub, the lifting up of the first basket causes the bottom of the first basket to be at a height greater than the upward extending ends of the plurality of support members such that the upward extending ends of the plurality of protruding members no longer protrude above the bottom of the first basket.

12. The dishwasher according to claim 11, further comprising a second basket disposed below the first basket to support the first basket,

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wherein the plurality of support members comprise a plurality of vertical pins formed on the second basket, and when the first basket is supported by the second basket, the vertical pins penetrate at least of the openings to laterally support the cutlery.

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